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Main Entry: **1off·set** ⓘ

Pronunciation: 'of-"set

Function: *noun*

1 a archaic : OUTSET, START b : CESSATION

2 a (1) : a short prostrate lateral shoot arising from the base of a plant (2) : a small bulb arising from the base of another bulb b : a lateral or collateral branch (as of a family or race) : OFFSHOOT c : a spur from a range of hills

3 a : a horizontal ledge on the face of a wall formed by a diminution of its thickness above b : DISPLACEMENT c : an abrupt change in the dimension or profile of an object or the part set off by such change

4 : something that sets off to advantage or embellishes something else : FOIL

5 : an abrupt bend in an object by which one part is turned aside out of line

6 : something that serves to counterbalance or to compensate for something else; especially : either of two balancing ledger items

7 a : unintentional transfer of ink (as from a freshly printed sheet) b : a printing process in which an inked impression from a plate is first made on a rubber-blanketed cylinder and then transferred to the paper being printed

- **offset** *adjective or adverb*

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